

**County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSa)
CalWORKs Program Guide Letter**

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Issue Date:

02/17/2015

Effective Date:

Upon Receipt

Purpose:

Instruct eligibility workers on how to handle cases in which an individual has already applied for Social Security Administration (SSA) benefits and the SSA application is in the appeals process.

Background:

As a condition of eligibility for CalWORKs, an applicant or recipient is required to apply for or accept potentially available income.

Policy Change:

Workers will not require CalWORKs applicants or recipients to file a new application for Social Security benefits or Supplemental Security Income SSI benefits when the application is in the SSA appeals process.

Workers may require other evidence in order to determine that the CalWORKs applicant or recipient has taken all actions necessary to obtain potentially available income.

Summary of Changes:

[CPG 44-100.C Exploration of Income Potential and Income Verification](#)

- Add clarification on how to treat Social Security benefits or SSI applications during the SSA appeals process.

Impacts:

Automation:

No impact.

Forms and Document Capture:

No impact.

Programs Affected:

None.

Quality Control:

Quality Control will cite the appropriate error when the regulations cited in this program material have not been followed.

References:

[ACL 14-109](#)

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Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by January 31, 2018

Approval for Release:

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